

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 251

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Chris Hamby on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hamby is one such estimable person who will embark upon a well-deserved retirement on March 31, 2017, after rendering twenty-two years of outstanding service to the Alcoa Regional/Municipal Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hamby began her career with the City of Alcoa on February 20, 1995, and served as City Planner prior to accepting her current position as Director of Planning and Codes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hamby received a Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Planning and has faithfully dedicated thirty-five years to the planning profession; she has worked with the Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Town of Farragut, and the State Office of Local Planning Assistance in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Leadership Blount class of 2002, Chris Hamby has devoted herself to professional development throughout her career by consistently participating in local and regional planning processes, regularly pursuing educational opportunities, and remaining actively involved in the local and state chapters of the American Planning Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hamby's considerable contributions to the City of Alcoa's quality growth patterns include working toward solutions and implementing subdivision, zoning, and other land use controls such as landscaping programs; administering housing and trail and park grants

from federal and state agencies; and achieving the city's long and short-range development goals; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hamby led the development of the City of Alcoa's 2025 Comprehensive Plan and its updated version, which will provide a strong foundation for guiding future decisions in both the city and county; and

WHEREAS, an effective liaison between the Planning Commission and the Alcoa Board of Commissioners, Ms. Hamby has contributed considerable time to community organizations and events and strengthened partnerships by serving in leadership roles on various boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Chris Hamby exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Hamby has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Chris Hamby on the occasion of her retirement, commend her for her meritorious service to the citizens of Alcoa, Blount County, and this State, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.